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may or may not include electronic player-activated devices. That's up to this body at that point. And then it would go to a community if it desired to use that, and the community would then have the opportunity to decide if it wanted to activate that kind of a process. And it would be under their continued control. They could revoke if they needed to. So anyway, it seems to me that with all of the community betterment projects that have been made...and I think those of you, particularly in the smaller communities, are aware of all of the various programs that have been implemented as a result of the local charitable gaming process. They have street signs. They have improvements to their hospitals. They have all kinds of activities that have taken place as a result of this. It's not inherently bad. It gives the people the opportunity to not only participate in this process in their own community, but it allows that community then to use those proceeds from that to activate things of local concern. And that, after all, is what this whole process is about, is to give people the opportunity to not only participate, but to also use that money in a way to enhance their own community. This does not give any authority to have these activated devices. It gives the Legislature the authority to come back and to make a decision, and then the communities the opportunity to decide if it wants to implement that. It's not a proliferation of gambling. This is an opportunity for the process of gaming to be brought up into a more modern system. It can be operated more economically by the operators, and it is something that the technology is there, and it would be beneficial. I would suggest and urge that you adopt this amendment to LR 11CA. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the opening on AM1119 by Senator Don Pederson. Mr. Clerk, amendment.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM1139, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1137.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, to open on AM1139.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll rise to introduce my amendment. But then I have some other comments, I